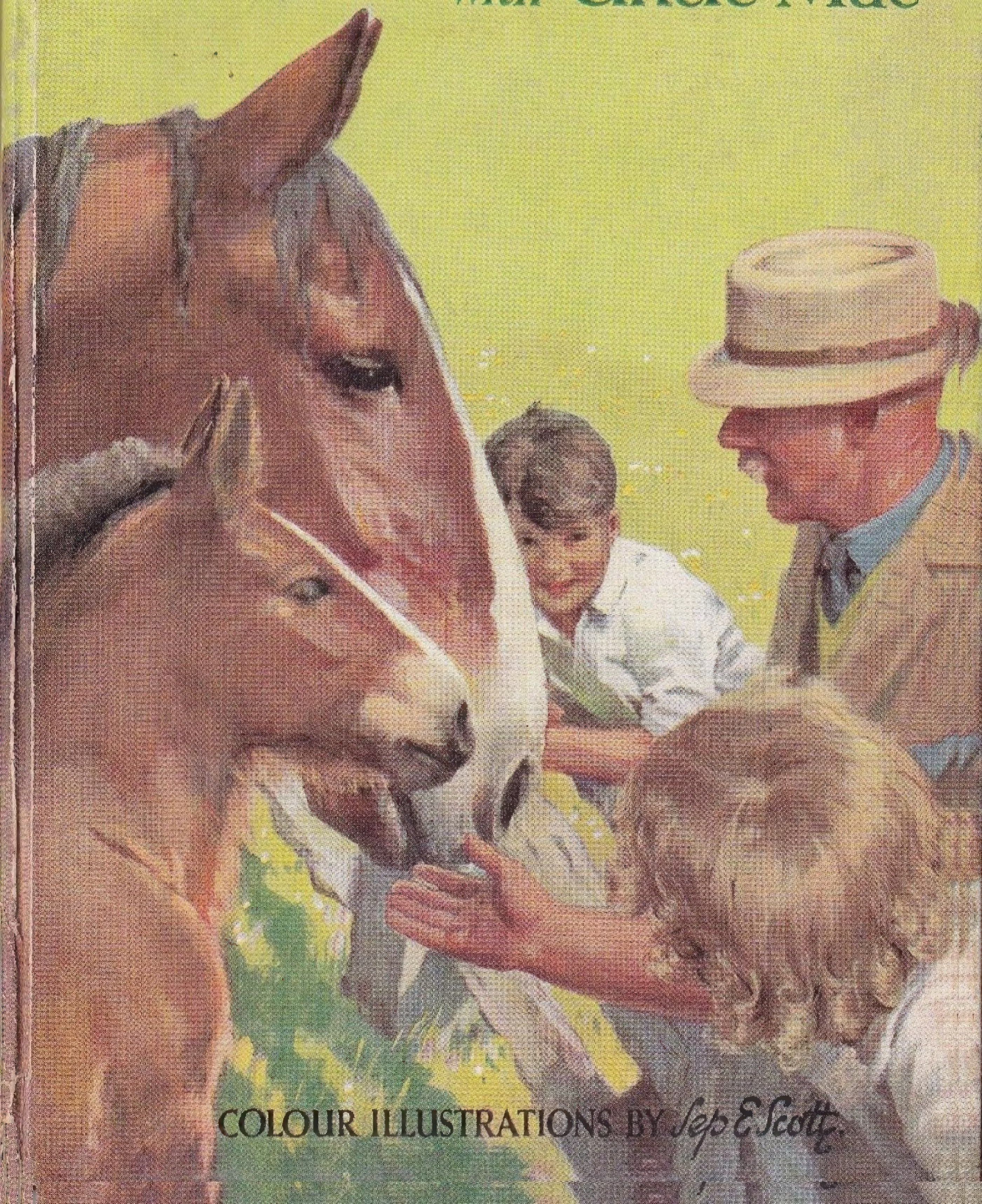


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DEAR CHILDREN,

I rather wish we had a magic carpet on which we could travel together one fine summer day into the country. In this way it would be very easy to visit many of our animal and bird friends.

Let us pretend that this happy little book really *is* a magic carpet, and that travelling on it together we really *are* seeing all the beautiful scenes.

I am ready—are *you*? Right then! Let us turn over the pages.

Serek McCulloch.

(UNCLE MAC.)

Jingle and Jangle are great friends. Each dog has a small silver bell on his collar, and these jingle-jangle as they run. The black dog with his paws near the hedgehog is a Scottie, called Jingle. Jangle is a white West Highland terrier.

I hope the dogs are careful with the hedgehog, curled up into a spiky ball. Both dogs think they have found a new kind of ball, but are not certain what it is made of.

Two Scottish Dogs



Lyle & Son

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This mother sheep is proud of her two baby lambs. Nearby are some more lambs, skipping about under the old tree. In the Springtime lambs are seen everywhere in the fields. Their funny little tails are rather like the catkins which grow on the birch and willow trees. That is why some people call them 'lambs tails' instead of catkins. When you see lambs playing in the fields it means that Winter is safely past and sunny days near. "Ma-aa!" say the baby lambs. "Mam-aa!"

Lambs in Springtime



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I am sure you will like to meet these four happy little fox cubs playing outside their home, while Mother is sitting keeping watch. The cubs are scrambling around, teasing and yapping at each other. They look very much like puppies at play, and I expect you will think so too. Mrs. Fox looks as if she might be thinking about rabbits, although she knows those furry creatures can run very fast and are not likely to go near the den of a fox.

Fox and Cubs



Here is a family of wild rabbits, and there are millions just like them all over the world. They are different from the tame rabbits which many children keep as pets. Wild rabbits are very shy and will never let you get close enough to stroke them. They live in holes called rabbit warrens, where they snuggle up close to each other for warmth. When they run, and they run very fast, their white tails go bobbing up and down until they disappear down their holes.

The Rabbit Family



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Perhaps you have a dog which looks exactly like one of these two fox terriers. One of them, whose name is Jack, has got his head down a rabbit hole and is very excited. He will not get far, because the hole is small. Like most dogs Jack and Jill love chasing rabbits if they get the chance. But the rabbits always hear the dogs coming and have plenty of time to scamper to the safety of their holes.

Fox Terriers



Sept 1907

There are few prettier sights than a cow with her baby calf. This mother cow is carefully washing the calf by licking it with her tongue. They are quite happy out in the meadow, where they eat grass and golden buttercups. Soon the calf will grow into a cow, and perhaps have a calf of her own. In winter cows sleep in barns, and are given hay to eat. In return they give us good milk, and fresh butter which is made from the milk.

Cow and Calf



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Have you a favourite toy duck which you put in the water at bath time Well, just look at Mrs. Duck swimming ahead of her big family of ten little ducklings, which look like toys. Soon all ten of them will be paddling along close behind their mother. Ducks swim quite fast because their feet are webbed, and they use them as little paddles. Mrs. Duck is white ; later on her ducklings will change their colour and also become white.

Duck and Ducklings



Foals are baby horses, and they can stand up and run about almost as soon as they are born. The farmer is very pleased to have a new foal, and everyone wants to stroke it, but it is shy and stays close by its mother.

Farm-horses are gentle, hard-working creatures, and there is plenty for them to do in the fields. The foal is too small to work, but it will not be long before it has grown into a horse.

Horse and Foal



Mrs. Hen has a big family of ten fluffy chicks, and she has a busy job helping them to find food. She teaches them to look for seeds and tiny insects by pecking about near the haystack. There are a lot more hens in the farmyard, and one fine, big cockerel. When he calls out “*Cock-a-doodle-doo!*” early in the morning he wakes everyone up, so the farmer does not need an alarm clock.

Hens and Chicks



Here is fat Mrs. Pig with her large family of nine little piglets. Mrs. Pig goes “*grunt-grunt-grunt*” as she looks for extra food, while the piglets go “*squeak-squeak-squeak*” as they try to do what their mother shows them. The farmer gives them pig-mash to eat, and all sorts of scraps, but pigs are always hungry and grubbing about for more food. They are fond of all kinds of roots like turnips and potatoes, and they love acorns, though they must not eat too many.

Mother Pig and Family



Some people think the turkey has a funny face, but he really is a very handsome bird. The turkey spreads his tail like the peacock, and struts around the farmyard looking very pleased with himself. He has strong legs and wings and is much bigger than the hen turkey. In some foreign countries turkeys make nests under huge heaps of leaves where they leave the eggs to hatch. The English turkey has an ordinary nest. He makes a funny noise, shaking his head and crying "gobble-gobble-gobble-gobble!"

The Turkey



Cap & Co.

This dear little pony is a Shetland, and he and lots more like him come from the Shetland Islands off the coast of Scotland. This pony is called Tuppence by Jane and John, who are able to ride him. Tuppence is strong, although he is so small, and he loves children almost as much as lumps of sugar. Here you see him making friends with a fox-terrier, whose name is Snip. Jane, John, Tuppence and Snip have a lovely meadow in which to play during holidays.

A Shetland Pony



This is one of the prettiest squirrels I have ever seen, either in my own garden or in the woods. Just before winter the squirrel pops into his nest and goes to sleep until Spring. He makes a secret larder and fills it with the acorns, nuts and berries he has gathered for winter food. The squirrel is very shy, and when he runs away he flashes from branch to branch high up in the trees. He has merry, bright eyes like little shoe buttons, and a very large bushy tail.

The Brown Squirrel



Here are two busy little field-mice.

One mouse is sitting on top of its little round nest made of dry grass and blades of corn. Inside this nest a field-mouse lives with all its babies until they are big enough to manage alone. The other mouse is eating corn, which is a naughty thing to do. Yet it is wonderful to think this tiny creature can balance with feet and tail on a slender stem of corn.

Field-Mice



Although Mrs. Hare looks very much like a big rabbit she has much longer legs, which enable her to run very fast indeed. Baby hares are called *leverets*, but you can call them baby hares if you like. Mrs. Hare often lies out in the fields with her babies and then she crouches close to the ground, pressing down the grass. This is why country people say the hare lies in her *form*, or in the little hollow she has made in the grass.

Mother Hare and Babies



The spaniel dog is a great pet in very many homes. He has a long, silky coat and soft, drooping ears, and he is a gentle creature usually fond of children.

If you have a spaniel remember that his long coat and furry ears need lots of “brush-and-comb drill.” This is important to remember when he gets wet and muddy. The bird at which this spaniel is looking with such wistful eyes is a pheasant. It has long tail feathers.

The Spaniel



Sept 1897

There are many kinds of pigeons, but the one with the tiny ring round his leg is the home kind. The ring has the name of the owner on it. The beautiful white bird is called a fantail pigeon, and it is easy to see how it gets its name. These pigeons are tame, but those which live in woods are shy and rarely let you get near to look at them.

A pigeon house, or cote, is where the birds live and rest. It is pronounced *cot*.

Pigeons



Tu-whit-tu-whoo!” cries the owl from the branch of the tree. He nearly always flies by night, and has big shining eyes which help him to see in the dark. Owls will not harm you, even though they may be big and strong. There are grey owls, brown owls, speckled owls and even white owls.

Owls help the farmers by eating mice, snails, beetles and other creatures which damage the crops and stores of farm food.

The Owl



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Mr. Goat is nearly always called Billy, while Mrs. Goat is called Nanny. This goat out on the village green has a neat little beard and a nice pair of horns.

Have you ever tasted goat's milk? If you keep a goat you will know the milk it gives is quite different from that of the cow. Some people like it very much.

This goat is tame, but in some parts of the world wild goats live on hills and mountains. They are strong creatures.

Nanny Goat



This animal looks fierce, but is only a fine Highland cow with its baby calf. The Highland cow lives mostly in Scotland, where there are hills and mountains. It has a shaggy, warm coat, and bigger horns than the cows we see in most places. This cow has wandered down to the stream for a drink, and is taking care that the calf does not fall into the water. They have come a long way down the hillside into the valley along which the stream flows.

Highland Cow and Calf



These neat little dogs with bright eyes, short ears and legs, and rough coats, are called Cairn terriers. Although small they are very clever at finding their way about difficult country and in lonely places. They are faithful dogs and make grand friends. I suppose a well-trained Cairn terrier is one of the most obedient of all our dogs. Though the legs of the Cairn are short its body is long and it can move very quickly.

Cairn Terriers



You all love cats, and will wish that this one, whose name is Dinah, belonged to you. Would you like Dinah's six kittens as well? Dandy, one of the kittens, is having a lovely game with the ball of wool, and unless someone comes along pretty soon there will be a most awful muddle. At any rate it will be hard to say which kitten is the naughty one, because they are all just as mischievous as they can possibly be.

Pussy and her Kittens



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The swan is one of the most graceful of all our birds. Swimming along swans look like beautiful little ships with pure white sails. These swans have seven babies called cygnets, which is a funny word. Except that they are a greyish colour the cygnets are like ducklings. When they grow up they will be as big and as white, and just as beautiful and graceful as their mother and father. Swans are not very friendly unless you know them. They must never be teased.

Swans and Family



A nice quiet pond with lovely water-lillies and water-weeds, and the sun shining upon it all. That is exactly what Mr. Frog thinks as he sits comfortably on the leaf of a water-lily which has a strong stem and roots underneath. Mr. Frog has had a good meal of flies and insects, and feels very peaceful and happy. His bedtime thought will be about a nice, quiet damp place where he can go to sleep, and where he will not be found by anyone.

Mr. Frog and the Pond



Polly Parrot is a clever bird, full of tricks and twists which he does on his own special perch. He is holding a monkey-nut in one claw and looks as if he may say “*Pretty Polly*” at any moment. Oh, yes, Polly can talk very well, and is one of the few birds who is able to do so. The more you talk to him the more he listens and learns. By imitating voices he can pretend to be all kinds of people.

Polly Parrot



This book would not be quite complete without our little friend Robin Redbreast. Here he is, neat and smart with his bright eyes, little beak, and slim legs. In winter his breast feathers are quite red, but in the summer they have a more rusty colour. The friend of every man, woman and child, Robin is always about when digging is being done. If snow is on the ground then Robin will likely enough tap with his beak on your window. Nobody wants this happy visitor to go hungry.

Robin Redbreast



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Almost every child loves to ride a donkey, and if *you* have done so then I expect you looked as happy as this little girl and her brother. These donkeys are quiet and friendly, and all they want as a reward is a pat on the back and a good meal before they lie down in their beds of straw at night.

This is a lovely holiday scene, made up of sunshine, sandcastles, bathing and glorious donkey rides on the golden sands.

Donkeys on the Sands



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